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HOUSE BILL 2101

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 11-211, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COUNTY SUPERVISOR ELECTIONS.

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44 45 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 11-211, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

11-211. Membership; qualifications; term; definition

- A. There shall be in each county having a population of two hundred ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE thousand or more persons a board of supervisors consisting of five members who shall be qualified electors of their supervisorial district, and who shall be elected at a general election at which the president of the United States is elected. In each county having a population of less than two hundred ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE thousand persons, a board of supervisors shall consist of three members, except as prescribed by subsection B OF THIS SECTION, who shall be qualified electors of their supervisorial district and who shall be elected at a general election at which the president of the United States is elected. They shall enter upon their duties on January 1 subsequent to their election, and shall hold office for four years. No person holding any other county or precinct office is eligible to the office of supervisor.
- B. Any county having a population of less than two hundred ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE thousand persons but more than one hundred thousand persons shall call an election to change from a three-member to a five-member board of supervisors, or from a five-member to a three-member board of supervisors, upon receipt by the board of supervisors of a petition signed by not less than CONTAINING SIGNATURES OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS EQUAL TO AT LEAST ten per cent of the qualified voters who voted VOTES CAST IN THE COUNTY at the preceding general election at which a president of the United States was elected. The board shall submit to the electors in such county, at a special election called for such purpose, the question whether or not such county shall elect five members or three members to the board of supervisors. The election shall be held before the first Monday in January preceding the next general election. The ballots shall contain the words: "Five supervisors, yes. Five supervisors, no." or "Three supervisors, yes. Three supervisors, no." If the majority of the qualified electors voting on the question vote VOTES in the affirmative, the board of supervisors shall redistrict the county in accordance with the provisions of section 11-212. The county shall thereafter elect the prescribed number of members to the board of supervisors who shall have the same qualifications as provided in subsection A OF THIS SECTION for a board of supervisors with a population of two hundred ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE thousand or more persons, and shall hold office for a term of four years to commence on January 1.

Sec. 2. Applicability

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on the effective date of this act, a county, with any existing board of supervisors consisting of three members, that exceeded a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand persons according to the 2000 United States decennial census shall begin the process of electing two additional supervisors at the next general election

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after the effective date of this act. The board of supervisors of these counties shall form five supervisorial districts within the county by adopting the boundaries of the five precinct boundaries for the election of community college district governing board members pursuant to section 15-1441, Arizona Revised Statutes. The three existing board of supervisors shall represent the newly formed supervisorial districts based on their residency. The remaining supervisorial districts shall be filled at the next general election after the effective date of this act. The terms of the two newly elected board of supervisors begin on January 1 following the general election and are for a term of two years. Thereafter, the five supervisorial districts shall be divided as provided by section 11-212, Arizona Revised Statutes.

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